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MEDIA ADVISORY

SUSPECT CHARGED WITH MURDER

Today, July 19, 2008, at approximately 10:40 am, San Antonio Police Officer James Caviness, a 12 year veteran, was on patrol in his assigned patrol area when he observed a white 2003 Crown Victoria at the intersection of Guadalupe St. and S. Zarzamora. As Officer Caviness was attempting to turn southbound on S. Zarzamora from westbound Guadalupe St., the suspect vehicle drove around a vehicle turning northbound on S. Zarzamora from eastbound Guadalupe St. and proceeded through the intersection almost colliding with the officer's patrol vehicle. Officer Caviness turned around to pursue the suspect vehicle. At this time, the suspect vehicle accelerated away from Officer Caviness turning southbound on Chupaderas. Officer Caviness attempted to follow the suspect vehicle and give the dispatcher direction of flight, but it was obvious that the driver was attempting to elude the officer by his erratic driving and turning down several back streets. According to the officer and several witnesses, the suspect vehicle then turned westbound on Colima from northbound Rosillo and disregarded the stop sign at S. Zarzamora striking a passenger car. The four occupants of the suspect vehicle fled on foot. All four suspects were apprehended after a brief foot chase and search of the area.

The passenger in the car that was stuck by the suspect vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS and has been identified as Ramiro Sepulveda, 60, from Eagle Pass, Texas. The driver of the passenger car was transported to University Hospital and is in stable condition. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the suspect was drinking alcoholic beverages while operating the vehicle and may have been intoxicated at the time of the accident.

The suspect will be charged with Murder and Intoxication Assault. The identity of the suspect being withheld pending formal charges.

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